

PRESS RELEASE
IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE
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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medicine took the following action:

Patricia A. Allen, D.O., a 59 year-old pathologist who formerly practiced in Creston, Iowa, and currently practices in Altus, Oklahoma, had a restriction on her Iowa medical license terminated by the Board. On December 26, 2006, the Board charged Dr. Allen with engaging in professional incompetency in the practice of medicine in Iowa. A panel hearing was held on March 27, 2007, and an appeal hearing was held on September 13, 2007. On October 15, 2007, the Board issued a Final Order. The Board concluded that Dr. Allen engaged in professional incompetency and restricted her from practicing medicine under her Iowa medical license until she obtained Board-approval of a formal education plan. On November 7, 2007, the Board approved Dr. Allen's education plan and terminated the restriction that prohibited her from practicing medicine under her Iowa medical license. Dr. Allen has been placed on probation for a period of five years subject to certain terms and conditions.

Joseph A. Boateng, M.D., a 56 year-old Iowa-licensed physician from Las Vegas, Nevada, entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board. On January 22, 2007, Dr. Boateng applied for a permanent Iowa medical license. Dr. Boateng failed to disclose that his hospital privileges in Las Vegas, Nevada, were suspended for failing to complete delinquent medical records. Dr. Boateng subsequently completed the delinquent medical records. Under the terms of the Consent Agreement, the Iowa Board granted Dr. Boateng a permanent Iowa medical license and he was issued a public reprimand and ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine for failing to disclose that his hospital privileges were terminated for failing to complete delinquent medical records.

Christie M. Mensch, M.D., a 34 year-old Iowa-licensed physician from Dakota Dunes, South Dakota, entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board. On August 2, 2007, Dr. Mensch applied for a permanent Iowa medical license. Dr. Mensch has a history of substance abuse, including methamphetamine and she has been monitored for substance abuse for several years in Kansas and Missouri. Under the terms of the Consent Agreement, the Iowa Board granted Dr. Mensch a permanent Iowa medical license and she agreed to enter the Iowa Physician Health Program (IPHP). Dr. Mensch agreed to fully comply with all substance abuse treatment and monitoring requirements established by the IPHP.

Anastasios A. Pappas, M.D., a 39 year-old dermatologist from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, had the suspension of his Iowa medical license terminated. On April 4, 2006, Dr. Pappas pleaded guilty to illegally introducing misbranded Tri-Toxin (an unapproved potential substitute for Botox) into interstate commerce in South Dakota in violation of federal law. On March 29, 2007, Dr. Pappas entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board. Dr. Pappas was charged with engaging in unprofessional conduct, being disciplined by another licensing authority and his Iowa medical license was indefinitely suspended. He also received a public reprimand, he had to complete a Board-approved ethics program and he was ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine. On November 8, 2007, the Iowa Board concluded that Dr. Pappas successfully completed all of the requirements established by the Iowa Board. The Iowa Board terminated the suspension of Dr. Pappas' Iowa medical license and it is free and clear of all restrictions.